

## **Fall 2007 Academic Assessment of LEP Students**

**Source: 2007-08 ISTEP+ Program Manual, Chapter 3**

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/istep/welcome.html>

### **3.2.0 - Participation of LEP Students in Academic Assessment**

Since the 2006-07 ISTEP+ test administration cycle, all limited English proficient (LEP) students who have been enrolled in U.S. schools for one year or more must **participate fully** in the ISTEP+ assessment program.

### **3.2.0, 3.2.7 - Flexibility for LEP Students in their First Year of Enrollment in U.S. Schools**

LEP students in their first year of enrollment in U.S. schools (not including Puerto Rico) as of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, are **required** to participate in the **math and science** assessments but have the **option**—one time only- of participating in the **English/language arts** ISTEP+ assessment, or of **substituting** the LAS Links English Language Proficiency Assessment (see 3.2.7). In the event that newly-enrolled LEP students do not have an existing LAS Links English Proficiency Assessment score, a LAS Links Placement Test score of “Not Proficient” or “Approaching Proficient” qualifies them for this option, provided they take the LAS Links English Proficiency Assessment in the spring.

Schools will be required to submit to the IDOE Division of Assessment an electronic list of all students (by STN and corresponding student name) falling into this category and must highlight those students who are coming from out-of-state. It should also be noted that under Federal Flexibility, the students’ ISTEP+ scores will not be used as part of the AYP calculation for schools, and schools will be credited for participation.

The test results of first-year LEP students who take the ISTEP+ English/language arts assessment are not included in AYP determinations. If these students take the LAS Links English Language Proficiency Assessment, or the ISTEP+ English/language arts assessment, then they can be counted as participants toward meeting the 95 percent assessment participation requirement for English/language arts AYP determinations.

### **3.2.9 – LEP Students: Testing Accommodations**

Testing accommodations are permitted for LEP students. Decisions about testing accommodations are made on an individual basis, and are a documented subset of the instructional accommodations received in the classroom. All accommodations must be documented in each LEP student’s Individual Learning Plan (ILP).